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## **SUPERVISOR BREWER SERVES UP FUNDS FOR SUPPORT SERVICES *COUNTY DONATES \$20,000 TO OLIVE BRANCH SENIOR CENTER***

(Phoenix) -- Maricopa County Board Supervisor Jan Brewer today presented Sun Health Olive Branch Senior Center a check for \$5,000 as the first of four quarterly installments of a grant totaling \$20,000, to support beneficial services for area residents.

This support was made possible from county funds approved for six areas of the center's operations for this fiscal year: the congregate meals program, multipurpose center operations, pantry program, senior legal assistance program, home delivery meal program and the senior employment placement program.

Supervisor Brewer presented the check from the county's disabled-and-aged funds to senior center Director Ivy Wixson following a lengthy visit that included conversing with area residents and serving lunch to them.

"Maricopa County is delighted to be able to provide monetary support to Olive Branch Senior Center," said District 4 Supervisor Brewer. "The center provides an invaluable need in our community by providing comprehensive support services to senior individuals while assisting them to become self-reliant."

Wixson thanked Supervisor Brewer for her continued support, which has been loyally provided since the beginning of her term three years ago.

"The \$20,000 will help to enhance programs, and ultimately the quality of life, for all the participants at the senior center," Wixson said.

"We're so glad that we are able to touch the lives of so many people in this community," Supervisor Brewer says.

The Sun Health Olive Branch Senior Center provides a number of needed services and programs specifically designed to help northwest Valley seniors enrich their lives physically, mentally and emotionally.

Often, the center meets the crucial needs of individuals that include a hot nutritious meal, supplemental food programs or health screenings. Equally important, but not always as obvious, are the needs of isolated seniors for socialization, companionship and mental stimulation.

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The many services the center provides help participants to remain healthy, active and independent while providing them with a nurturing and stimulating environment. The center, conveniently located in the Sun Bowl Shopping Plaza at Peoria and 107th Ave., is the only such facility in Sun City.

The senior center is a non-profit affiliate of Sun Health, a non-profit provider of world class, quality healthcare services to northwest Valley communities. Sun Health also operates the Boswell and Del E. Webb Memorial hospitals and a continuum of world-class healthcare services, including Sun Health Care Center, Sun Health Homecare Services, Sun Health Residence for Alzheimer's Care, and Sun Health Hospice Care Services and Residence.

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